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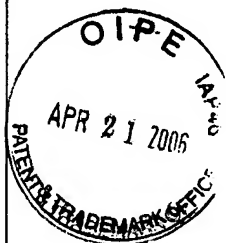
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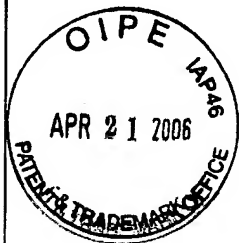
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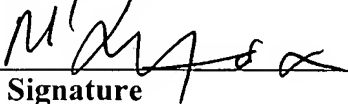
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated November 15, 2005, applicants
amend the claims as listed in the **Claims** section beginning on page 2 of this paper.
Remarks are presented in the **Remarks** section beginning at page 5 of this paper.